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Dr. Regina Washington is the Director of the Division of Prevention and Quality Improvement in the Department for Public Health with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. The Division houses the chronic disease prevention, health care access, public health education, and quality improvement activities. Dr. Washington comes to public health after many years of working in postsecondary education. Specifically, she has taught health-related courses at the college level; conducted research on rural health care issues in eastern Kentucky; and worked on cancer research at both the University of Kentucky and at the National Cancer Institute within the National Institutes of Health (Bethesda, Md.)

Dr. Washington, a native of West Virginia, obtained her bachelor's degree in biology from Berea College, a master's degree in education with an emphasis in health sciences from Eastern Kentucky University and a doctorate from the UK College of Public Health. She works from the values of excellence, quality, and collaboration and she truly believes in collaborating leadership through services and resources to address the issues of health disparities.

Dr. Washington's professional experiences, along with her knowledge, teaching and research experience and leadership skills, has strengthened our state's public health efforts. Her interests are in health disparities, healthy lifestyles, colorectal cancer prevention, leadership development and strategic planning.